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Jeff Koenings, Director Department of Fish & Wildlife 600 Capitol Way N. Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Dear Mr. Koenings:

Thank you for taking time out from your busy schedule last week to meet with Class XXIII of the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Program. Your perspectives and real-life examples provided the class with a better understanding of the complexities involved in ESA and Clean Water Act regulation and integration. Judging from the number and types of questions, class members were thoroughly engaged in the subject matter. Several members mentioned to me that they would have liked more time to spend with you and the other panel members - and this was on the last day of a very busy and tiring week!

On behalf of the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Program and Class XXIII, thank you again for your time and for the work you are doing to protect and restore our natural resources in Washington State.

Sincerely,

Julie M. Hagensen

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